Bulletin for Sunday, November 8, 2026

WORSHIP NOTES

- **Series:** The Lord's Prayer
- **Sermon:** Praying Continuously
- **Scripture:** I Thessalonians 5:17 + Daniel 6:10
- **Our first offering each Sunday** is for the **General Fund. Our second offering** today will be for **Katelyn's Fund**. Katelyn's Fund supports vulnerable children and families through its ministry, including adoption grants that help families with the financial costs of adoption. Katelyn's Fund helps make adoption more accessible while supporting the needs of children and families.
- **Offerings in November**:
  - ~~**November 1**: Ministry Center / Building Fund~~
  - **November 8, 15, & 22**: Katelyn's Fund
  - **November 25/ Thanksgiving Eve:** Special offering*
  - **November 29**: Christian Education
- **Advance Notice:** Our **Thanksgiving Eve Service** will be on **Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00pm**. Dave Mulder will bring our message. While we traditionally have communion during that service, we will be having communion next Sunday, November 15, instead.

***Thanksgiving Offering:**

During our Thanksgiving service, we will receive an offering to support organizations and ministries connected to Bridge of Hope. While we will not be providing a matching donation this year, we invite you to prayerfully consider giving to one or more of the following ministries close to Bridge of Hope that serve others and share Christ's love.

- **Katelyn's Fund:** Supports vulnerable children and families through its ministry, including adoption grants that help families with the financial costs of adoption. Katelyn's Fund helps make adoption more accessible while supporting the needs of children and families.
- **Royal Family KIDS Camp:** Provides a safe, fun, and encouraging camp experience for children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or difficult family circumstances. The camp helps children build confidence, develop healthy relationships, and experience love and hope.
- **ATLAS of Sioux Center:** A Christ-centered ministry that walks alongside individuals and families facing life challenges. ATLAS provides personal development and practical support while helping meet emotional, physical, and spiritual needs in our community.
- **Bridge of Hope Youth Group:** Gifts will help fund future youth group trips and support organizations and causes that are important to our youth. This provides opportunities for our students to grow in faith, serve others, and put their faith into action.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** A Christ-centered recovery program that helps individuals find freedom from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Through biblical principles, worship, fellowship, and small groups, Celebrate Recovery provides a supportive environment for people seeking healing and lasting change.

Giving Instructions: If you would like to designate your gift to a specific organization, please write the organization's name in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us share Christ's love with others! We are thankful for the opportunity to support these ministries and the work they do in our church, community, and beyond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CHILDREN:

- A **NURSERY** is provided for children from birth through 2 years old. **Nursery is held in the school's music room. It's to your left and down the hallway when exiting the gym. Look for the banner!**
- **PROMISE LAMBS** is for children 3 through TK. They are dismissed part-way through the service and can meet their teachers by the gym door.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL** for TK/K through high school immediately following the worship service.

Congregational Meeting to approve the 2027 church budget will be **TODAY**, immediately following the morning service.

Practicing the Way: Prayer

This LINK Small Group is coinciding with our current sermon series, "The Lord's Prayer," giving us an opportunity to explore Jesus' teaching on prayer on Sunday and then putting it into practice throughout the week.

- **Four sessions after church: ~~October 11, October 18, October 25~~, ~~November 1~~, November 8**
- Meet in the Band Room

CONNECT & UNITE *(Youth Group for 6th-8th grade {CONNECT} and 9th-12th grade {UNITE})*

- *November 11: UNITE Lesson*
- *November 15: CONNECT Service Project (Hope & Culvers)*
- *November 18: UNITE Lesson*
- *November 22: CONNECT Small Group Week*

Sunday School Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 13

Alongside the Youth Discipleship Team, Kira and Gail have begun planning, and our first step is to hear from families! We hope to involve students of all ages in a variety of ways, including singing, instrumental music, Scripture readings, and other elements of worship. Thank you for taking the time to help inform us how we can best involve each of your children!

Student Participation Form

We ask that ***every family with children in Promise Lambs and Sunday School*** complete the form below to let us know whether your child will be available and how they might be interested in participating. This will help us plan thoughtfully and provide opportunities for students to contribute in ways that reflect their interests and gifts. Please complete **one form per child**, even if your child isn't participating: https://forms.gle/8CYQmR6Ne6w4h5EZ9

Parent & Congregational Volunteers

We would also love to invite *parents and other members of our congregation* to help make this program possible. We anticipate needing volunteers to assist with student groups, practices, and coordination on the day of the program. If you would be willing to help in any capacity, please sign up here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z3o6c9LNunE6hN_vLdZXBf1N5P_pDKM3giv50laMgHg/edit?usp=sharing.

Please complete the forms by Friday, November 13.

Once we have gathered responses, we will begin coordinating student roles, volunteers, and practice schedules. Families can expect additional communication with those details after November 16.

Congregation: Help Us Share the Blessing of Thanksgiving with our College Students!

We will be hosting a special Thanksgiving dinner for the college link group on **Sunday, November 22**, at noon at the ministry center. Would you be willing to donate something for the meal - either a side dish, dessert or other food item? Jay and Heidi O would be willing to pick up the item from you on the Saturday before, or you can deliver it to the ministry center by noon on Sunday, November 22. You can either email your food choice to Jay and Heidi at ouwinga5@gmail.com or sign up through this link: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-XuAW804VQQfPBWJJGt3vefgCElvmaKXU860h8pqnm8/edit?usp=sharing Generally, we have about 20 people total. Thanks for donating and showing love to the college students!

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

We are accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at Maurice Reformed Church in Maurice. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and community. The next TEC is Nov. 20-22. Questions? Or to register, visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. Cost is $50 & includes a t-shirt + other gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

Serving Opportunities – Media and Livestream Teams

Are you looking for a place to serve at Bridge of Hope? We would love for you to join our media or livestream teams! The media team is about a once-a-month commitment. This involves downloading song lyrics, rehearsing with the worship team on Sunday morning before the service, and running slides during the service. We will train you! If you have questions or would like more info, contact Becky R at becky@bridgecrc.org. The livestream team is down to 2 members and could use a third! For more information, contact Jay Ouwinga at ouwinga5@gmail.com.

Sioux Center Christian School Trustee Nominations 2026.

The board is seeking to fill three open Trustee positions for the 27-28 school year. Any member of the SCCS Society can submit nominations. Trustees must meet all the requirements in order to serve in this role. You are encouraged to submit nominations by November 28, 2026. Go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Connect With Us > SCCS News to submit nominations & learn more about the requirements & qualifications.

Pies

There are a few pies left for purchase. Contact the church office if you, or someone you know, is interested.



Would you like an announcement made on a Sunday morning before or during the worship service? If so, please fill out the Sunday morning announcement form. Please submit the form by the Thursday before the Sunday you would like the announcement made, preferably earlier if possible. The form can be found here. If at the last minute there's an unexpected announcement that needs to be made, please contact Pastors Gail or Sam, or our worship coordinator, Becky.

Each week, additional announcements can be found in the Community Activities Sheet, a weekly publication of activities pertaining to churches in our community. It originated because of the repetitive nature of common announcements. A link to it can be found on our website under What's Happening/Bulletin.

Koinonia Prayer Requests: Prayer requests on Sunday mornings at Bridge of Hope have historically been taken verbally during worship. To help make sharing requests more accessible to all, a google form has been created so that people can share requests at a different time and method than verbally on Sunday morning. Prayer requests submitted this way will be included in the email that gets sent to the body each week on either Monday or Tuesday. ***(Please note: Any prayer request submitted after the Koinonia Prayer email has been sent that week, or after Tuesday, will wait to be emailed out until the following week. Also, requests made here will not be verbalized on Sunday mornings by the Pastoral Shepherd leading Koinonia Prayer.)*** Follow the QR Code to submit an online prayer request.

Scan me!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

This week, the community of believers in Sioux Center is praying for the congregation of New Life Reformed Church and Pastors Bobby Van Otterloo and Dan Kruse.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

Today, November 8	**Sunday, November 15**
Nursery: Kara D, Brielle P, Gracin D	**Nursery:** Kayla K, Cora F, Carson D
Promise Lambs: Abby A, Taiya P, Rowyn M	**Promise Lambs:** Courtney D, Zahra P, Gracin D
Coffee Service Setup *(before church)***:** Jill VS	**Coffee Service Setup** *(before church)***:** Lance W
Coffee Service Cleanup *(after church)***:** Van Middendorp	**Coffee Service Cleanup** *(after church)***:** Ter Horst
Shepherd Duties: Angela P, Jay O	**Shepherd Duties:** Christina P
~~**Outside door greeter:**~~	**Outside door greeter:** Zach P
Additional Mic Runner: Dave R	~~**Additional Mic Runner:**~~
Check-ins: Jill VS, Lindsey VP, Aimee VM	**Check-ins:** Ruth R, Jena D, Rachel P

BRIDGE CONNECTION GROUPS

The body is divided alphabetically (by last names) into groups with an assigned Pastoral & Service Shepherd to offer care and support. Feel free to contact your Shepherd should a need arise. The groups are as follows:

	Pastoral Shepherd	Service Shepherd
A-B	Angela Perigo	Reggie Hostetler
C-G	Christina Postma	Brandon Huisman
H-M	Daren Dieleman	Jay Ouwinga
N-T	Henry Vander Pol	Koty Vande Griend
U-Z	Ellen Korver	Tom Coulander

GIVING BACK / WAYS TO TITHE

- **Online:** go to Bridge's website (www.bridgecrc.org) and hit the "give" button on the home page; or go to https://bridgecrc.churchcenter.com/giving
- **Giving App:** Instructions on how to use the online giving app: https://pcogiving.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217380608-Give-Online-with-Church-Center
- **Text-to-give:** First time users: Text 84321. Click on the link sent back to you, select Bridge of Hope, add an email address, and enter your payment information. Or follow these instructions: https://pcogiving.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/217380608-Give-Online-with-Church-Center. After the initial set up, just text 84321, enter in the amount you would like to give and hit send. (Only the dollar amount is needed if it is to the General Fund. If it's to the second offering indicate dollar amount and "second" {i.e., $10 second}; if it's to the Building Fund indicate amount and "building" {i.e., $10 building}.)
- **Drop off at or mail to:** Bridge of Hope; 43 2nd Street NE; Sioux Center

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sunday Worship • 9:30am • Intermediate School Gym • 950 4th Ave NE
Offices/Ministry Center address ● 43 2nd Street NE (Offices located 1 block south & ½ block east of the downtown stoplight)
Office Hours ● Tuesday and Thursday 9-12 & 1-4
Website ● www.bridgecrc.org Like us at www.facebook.com/BOHMinistry
Please note: Our worship services are recorded each Sunday and shared on Facebook

STAFF & LEADERSHIP INFORMATION

Pastor of Preaching & Community Engagement	Sam Ashmore	
Pastor of Preaching & Discipleship	Gail Ashmore	
Administrative Assistant	Ruth Ruter	
Congregational Caregiver	Mark Borger	
Worship Coordinator	Becky Ringsby	
Youth Director	Kira Ouwinga	
Treasurer	Cindy Groeneweg	
Council	Daren Dieleman, Chair	
Pastoral Shepherds	Christina Postma, Chair	
Service Shepherds	Reggie Hostetler, Chair	



NOTE: At the Intermediate School, near the entrance to the building, a FIRST AID KIT can be found on a small table; an AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) can be found on the wall in that same area.